



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 17, 2004

Ordinance 14922

Proposed No. 2004-0248.2

Sponsors Edmonds, Ferguson, Phillips,
Constantine, Pelz, Gossett and
Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County citizens'
2 advisory commission on homeless encampments.
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Establishment – definition. The King County citizens' advisory
7 commission on homeless encampments is hereby established. For the purposes of this
8 ordinance, "the commission" means the King County citizens' advisory commission on
9 homeless encampments.

10 SECTION 2. Purpose. The commission shall study, identify options and make
11 recommendations to the executive and council on the following issues:

12 A. A needs assessment for homeless encampments, including an analysis of
13 homeless shelters in King County and the date and time when demand for shelters have
14 exceeded available space;

15 B. Policy and procedural guidelines for determining the location of future
16 homeless encampments;

17 C. Options, including an analysis of the potential advantages and disadvantages,
18 for locating homeless encampments on public land in King County; and

19 D. Options, including an analysis of the potential advantages and disadvantages,
20 for locating homeless encampments on private land in King County.

21 **SECTION 3. Membership – appointment process, requirements.**

22 A. The commission shall consist of twenty-two members, including eighteen
23 voting members and four advisory members. In accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.002, the
24 members shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council by motion.

25 B. The eighteen members shall consist of the following:

26 1. Thirteen members who are citizens, each representing one of the thirteen
27 council districts. Of the thirteen citizen members, the executive shall select the appointee
28 representing a council district from a list of names forwarded by the councilmember
29 representing that district to the executive;

30 2. Two members from community-based organizations, which may include but
31 are not necessarily limited to faith-based organizations, of which at least one member
32 shall reside in a city located in King County with a population less than five hundred
33 thousand;

34 3. One member who represents the municipal government of a city located in
35 King County with a population less than five hundred thousand;

36 4. One member who represents the city of Seattle; and

37 5. One member who represents King County.

38 C. The four advisory members shall consist of the following:

39 1. One member from a human services organization that deals with homeless
40 issues;

41 2. One member from a human services organization that deals with housing
42 issues;

43 3. One member from the law enforcement community with experience working
44 with homeless encampments; and

45 4. One member who is employed by Seattle-King County public health.

46 D. All appointees should have:

47 1. An ability to work with differing viewpoints to find solutions to complex
48 problems; and

49 2. A willingness to commit the time necessary to attend commission meetings,
50 public hearings and other activities necessary to complete the purpose of the commission.

51 E. An appointee shall not hold or be a candidate for elected office while serving
52 on the commission.

53 F. The executive shall transmit to the council the appointments to the
54 commission, including names and contact information of the twenty-two commission
55 members, by June 7, 2004.

56 SECTION 4. Public hearing requirements. The commission shall hold a
57 minimum of two public hearings at different locations in the county to solicit input from
58 the general public. The public hearings shall be widely advertised in the media and
59 through appropriate existing county distribution lists.

60 **SECTION 5. Recommendations – referral to the committee-of-the-whole.**

61 Any policy recommendations issued by the commission that require council approval
62 shall be referred to the committee-of-the-whole for review and consideration.

63 **SECTION 6. Reporting requirements.** The commission shall file with the clerk

64 of the council, for distribution to all councilmembers, a final written report by August 15,
65 2004, including a needs assessment and recommendations on the issues identified in
66 section 2 of this ordinance. Each recommendation shall include justification and
67 reasoning supporting the conclusion.

68 **SECTION 7. Staffing and operations.**

69 A. The commission shall appoint two members to serve as cochair of the body.

70 B. The executive shall provide professional staff support to the commission. The

71 executive shall designate staff persons with the appropriate level of expertise and
72 experience necessary to support the commission.

73 C. County staff persons in all departments and all branches of government shall

74 be available to answer questions and provide information to the commission.

75 D. The prosecuting attorney's office shall provide legal assistance to the

76 commission.

77 **SECTION 8. Parking.** The county shall provide parking space free of charge in

78 the county garage to commission members while attending meetings where commission
79 business is conducted.

80 **SECTION 9. Locating homeless encampments on county-owned property**

81 **before adoption of policies.** The county shall not identify county-owned property for

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82 locating homeless encampments or locate homeless encampments on county-owned
83 property prior to September 15, 2004.
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Ordinance 14922 was introduced on 5/17/2004 and passed as amended by the
Metropolitan King County Council on 6/1/2004, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Constantine

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Attachments None